# HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW BOARD STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Landmark/District: Address:	Capitol Hill Historic District 148 11 <sup>th</sup> Street, SE	( ) Agenda ( <b>x</b> ) Consent
Meeting Date:	June 25, 2015	( ) Concept ( ) Alteration
Case Number:	15-395	(x) New Construction
Staff Reviewer:	Sarah VanLandingham	<ul><li>( ) Demolition</li><li>( ) Subdivision</li></ul>

Applicant Chris Lobb with plans prepared by architect Jennifer Fowler seeks concept review for the construction of a new carriage house in the Capitol Hill Historic District.

## **Property Description**

The subject property in the Philadelphia Row section of Capitol Hill contains a three-story brick rowhouse but no alley buildings. Historic maps show there was once a garage at the alley. The alley has a pretty consistent row of garages and carriage houses in a variety of sizes and styles maintaining the edge of the alley.

## **Proposal**

The plans call for constructing a two-story carriage house in the rear of the property at the alley. Spanning the width of the lot, the building will be 20'6" tall and about 28' deep. It will be brick with a traditional garage design including a garage door and pedestrian door on the first floor and three double-hung windows on the second floor of the alley elevation. For zoning purposes, a trellis creates a "meaningful connection" between the carriage house and the main house.

#### **Evaluation**

This alley is home to a mix of building styles and sizes and can absorb a new building of this scale. Due to its location, it will not be visible from any public street. Further, the design and detailing are in-keeping with traditional garages and will be compatible with the character of the historic district.

#### Recommendation

The HPO recommends the Board find the concept to be compatible with the Capitol Hill Historic District and delegate final approval to staff.